

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2650 - HB 2645**

March 19, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires that a course in Tennessee history be taught in high schools in this state.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$1,755,000 Recurring**

**\$597,300 One-Time**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures -\$945,000 Recurring\***

**\$197,100 One-Time**

#### **Assumptions:**

- The cost to the Department of Education to develop a curriculum for the new course is estimated to be approximately \$6,000. Since there is no current base curriculum, additional meetings would be necessary to develop this curriculum framework.
- Any cost incurred by the State Board of Education to adopt the new curriculum is estimated to be not significant since this is a core function of the board.
- The course would be required to be offered but would be an elective. This course would be offered in approximately 360 high schools.
- The course would be half-credit and would be offered at a minimum of once per year for approximately 30 students in each class.
- The cost of a teacher for one semester for one period per day is estimated to be \$7,500 (based on a salary of \$45,000 including benefits). Textbooks would be an additional cost of approximately \$73.00 per book.
- The cost to offer one course for one semester per year for 30 students in 360 high schools is estimated to be \$3,488,400.
- No additional classroom space would be required.
- Some elective courses currently offered may be eliminated due to scheduling and demand, thereby equalizing expenditures.
- The LEA would fund professional development, additional course materials, and resource materials, etc. within existing resources.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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